

To: Members, Governing Board

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Re: Creation of CIRM Task Force on Neuroscience and Medicine

The goal of the CIRM Task Force on Neuroscience and Medicine is to generate a general plan for the \$1.5 billion set aside for neuroscience and related medicine as specified in Proposition 14. In addition to generating a general plan for Neuroscience and related medicine, the task force will aim to identify unusual opportunities for high impact in these areas for enhanced investment.

The task force will work in public meetings with the community in California and beyond to identify potentially high impact opportunities in basic neuroscience, neurodegenerative disease, neuropsychiatric disease, neurodevelopment, and normal brain aging.

The task force will be composed of a mix of ICOC members with scientific or patient advocacy backgrounds who will work with the CIRM team. A series of open meetings will be held with the external community to gather information and to hear recommendations.

The goal of the task force is to provide final recommendations to CIRM and the ICOC within six months of inception.